WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Indo-Italian development co-operation programme in H.P.

*383. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of proposals for Bilateral assistance under the Indo-Italian Development Cooperation Programme received from Himachal Pradesh Government;

(b) what are the main objectives of the project; and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter and by when?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) In the recent past no proposal for Bilateral assistance under the Indo-Italian Development Cooperation Programme has been received in this Ministry from Himachal Pradesh Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Restriction on creation of new posts in Government services

384. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken the decision of restricting the creation of new posts in Government services as well as in the services of Government undertakings;

(b) the extent of progress made in the execution of Voluntary Retirement Scheme; and

(c) the reasons for encouraging the employees for taking Voluntary Retirement Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, in so far as it relates to restricting the creation of new posts in Government services. No such restrictions have been imposed for creation of new posts in Government Undertakings, as these powers vest with the respective Boards of Directors, in consultation with their Ministries.